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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE RE AMCITS IN LIBYA

REF: TRIPOLI OM OF 24 MAY 1973

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMERICAN DESK OFFICER AT MIN
FON AFFAIRS, EMBOFF REFERRED TO CASE OF CARL MANUEL
RODARTY. SAID OUR UNDERSTANDING, BASED ENTIRELY ON
RODARTY'S STATEMENTS, IS THAT HE BEING EXPELLED FROM
LIBYA WITHOUT OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE REASON.
EMBOFF SAID HAD NO INTENT QUIBBLE OVER RIGHT OF
LIBYA AS TO EXPEL WHOMEVER THEY WISH, ADDING PARENTHETICALLY
THAT U. S. OCCASIONALLY EXPELS PERSONS. HOWEVER,
SAID BELIEVE LIBYA DOING ITSELF A DISSERVICE BY NOT
PROVIDING BOTH AMERICAN CITIZENS AND EMBASSY AN
OFFICIAL REASON FOR THE EXPULSION. NOTED THAT IN
RODARTY'S CASE EXPULSION APPARENTLY GENERATED BY
POPULAR COMMITTEE AT OASIS AND CONFIRMED BY IMMIGRA-
TION AUTHORITIES. ADDING THAT OUR REQUEST FOR
OFFICIAL WORD ON REASONS FOR EXPULSION OF AMCITS
NOT NECESSARILY MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO PROTEST EXPULSIONS,
EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT NON- NOTIFICATION IS A SLOPPY WAY OF
DOING BUSINESS. SAID THAT POTENTIAL EMPLOYER OF RODARTY,
BE IT A PRIVATE FIRM, USG, OR A FOREIGN FIRM, MIGHT ALWAYS

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QUESTION THE REASONS FOR EXPULSION. NOTED THESE REASONS COULD RANGE FROM CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THROUGH ESPIONAGE THROUGH LIBYAN DISLIKE OF THE COLOR OF HIS EYES, BUT FELT IT IN EVERY-ONE'S INTEREST TO MAKE A MATTER OF RECORD WHY A GIVEN CITIZEN, AMERICAN OR OTHERWISE, IS EXPELLED FROM LIBYA.

2. FULLY EXPECTING THAT OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS WILL BE TREATED IN SIMILAR FASHION, EMBASSY PLANS TO CONTINUE HITTING ABOVE THEME WITHOUT PROTESTING LIBYAN RIGHT TO PICK AND CHOOSE THOSE WHOM THEY EXPEL. WHILE DIFFICULT TO SAY HOW MUCH OF AN IMPRESSION EMBOFF MADE ON 30 MAY, HIS INTERLOCUTOR DID TAKE DOWN THE NAME, SEEMED TO AGREE WITH THE ARGUMENTATION, AND CLAIMED HE WOULD REPORT BACK.
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